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WASHINGTON, October 16, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 11 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 694.2 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 11 totaled 388,269, down 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.3 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.3 percent in the West, and down 5.3 percent in the East, and 8.6 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,917 cars (30.0 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,278 cars (25.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 4 totaled 105,159 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 3,800,225 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/11/86:

	Loadings in Week ended October 11, 1986			Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,950	I		6,917	30.0	D	56	0.2
Other farm products	4,649	I		676	17.0	I	810	21.1
Metallic ores	16,148	I		3,278	25.5	I	2,087	14.8
Coal	108,720	D		12,308	10.2	D	3,548	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,054	D		726	4.9	D	701	4.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,273	D		2,925	26.1	D	645	7.2
Grain mill products	11,379	I		953	9.1	I	832	7.9
Food and kindred products	11,344	I		370	3.4	D	48	0.4
Primary forest products	10,275	D		675	6.2	D	150	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,539	I		920	13.9	D	362	4.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,371	D		1,116	8.3	I	37	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	22,723	D		423	1.8	D	1,387	5.8
Petroleum products	4,807	I		53	1.1	I	399	9.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,339	D		469	4.3	I	38	0.4
Coke	3,726	D		700	15.8	D	79	2.1
Metals and products	7,428	D		140	1.8	D	489	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,540	D		3,532	15.3	D	645	3.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,689	D		1,508	16.4	I	62	0.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,375	D		3,466	50.7	D	524	13.4
All other carloads	73,819	I		8,733	13.4	D	597	0.8
LCL traffic	121	D		76	38.6	I	4	3.4
Total Cars Loaded	388,269	D		6,164	1.6	D	4,962	1.3

Corresponding week of 1985

394,433

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	15,334,402	15,445,223	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
40 Weeks ended October 4	677.0	677.1	D 0.0
Week ended October 11	<u>17.2</u>	<u>17.2</u>	<u>I 0.1</u>
41 Weeks cumulative	694.2	694.3	D 0.0*

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* Difference is less than 0.01 percent